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On Monday, September 20th, 7 p.m. at the Linwood Library, Bethanie Gorny, a Linwood resident and **author of "Fridays with Eva, caring and learning from my mother-in-law, a holocaust survivor"**, will be our guest speaker.

Last April at the Linwood Library I heard her recount this fascinating story and immediately signed her up for our September meeting. Do come out; catch up with old friends after our long hot summer.

Light refreshments will be served. ***Note the new time for evening branch meetings is now 7 p.m.

President's Notes Emely Aiken eaiken10@comcast.net

AAUW members who receive and read National's online bulletin, *Action Network*, are aware of the many legislative issues affecting women and their families on which our parent organization takes an active role and achieves results (i.e. the Lilly Ledbetter case).

National also encourages individual members to contact their own state representatives when pertinent bills are up for a vote (read *Public Policy* below).

Since we are a branch of national AAUW, there needs to be time during our meetings for members to discuss these issues supported by our parent organization. We pay our \$49. annual dues to National, **and this stands as our token individual support of its work, but we haven't, as a member branch, taken an active role.** Perhaps this year will bring a change.

Public Policy Audrey Moloney audreypzm@aol.com



One Member, One Vote: Last summer (2009) National changed our bylaws and now all members may vote in elections. We may vote in person, electronically or by mail. Voting will occur in the 30 days prior to convention and close during convention. Coded paper ballots will be delivered in *Outlook*. ** The 2011 convention will be held June 16-19 in Washington, D.C. **

As we know, our state president has urged us to contact our legislators re: The state's decision to reduce and in some cases close healthcare facilities for low-income, uninsured women in our state. It is not too late to address this important issue. The bill Governor Christie vetoed was bipartisan, had passed in the Senate and Assembly, and would have restored 7.5 million in funding for women's health services. The non partisan "Office of legislative Services" identified money present in the budget to offset the costs. NJ's family planning clinics are often the only primary care facilities low-income women can access and they provide vital health and preventative services including pap smears, pre & post natal care, birth control & cancer screening. **Funds are NOT used for abortion.



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Treasurer's Report Betsy Reed hbreed@verizon.net

Treasurer's Report as of 1 August, 2010:

Operational Checking - \$4605.43	Scholarship Checking - \$2,285.94
Savings Operations - \$6821.04	Scholarship CD- \$8,218.51

Projected Budget 2020-2011: to be approved at the 9/13/10 board meeting

Income

Branch dues	880
College Fair	200
Lunch/Dinners	300
Raffles/50-50	200
Operational Fundraisers	200

Income Total: \$1,780

Expenses

Member Services*	600
College Fair	200
Venue rental	100
Hospitality	150
Programs	800
Officers/Chair	200
Insurance	200
Legal	150
Conventions	100
Woman of Dist.	200

Expenses Total: \$2,700

*includes Roster, labels, printing & mailing

Membership Judy Page stpage1@verizon.net

Welcome to new member: Deborah Davies 1105 Lavender Lane, Absecon, NJ 08201
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Spanish Conversation Group Claire Moyer clairekm@mac.com

The Spanish Conversation Group meets every Monday afternoon at 4:15 at different participant's homes where we converse in Spanish until 6:00 PM. There are all ability levels from beginners to advanced and all are welcome. There are no lectures and no homework. For more information please call 641-8287 or email Claire.

Travel Group Carolyn Bassett geoca@mymailstation.com

The first meeting of the Travel Group will be October 13 at Carolyn Bassett's house. Carole Zerbe will tell us about a barge trip she took in May through Provence and Burgundy on the Rhone & Saone rivers. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Carolyn's house is 328 Poplar Ave Linwood 08221.

While you're marking your calendars, put down November 3, also at Carolyn's. Vickie Biron will tell us about her many trips to Amsterdam and other places in Holland. Let Carolyn know if you're coming

Also, please tell Carolyn if you have an interesting trip you'd be willing to share with the group. Many of us travel in the summer, and I'm sure there are a lot of interesting experiences to describe.

Children's Theater Maureen Page maureenpage@netzero.net

Good news: We have renewed our relationship with Stockton College. AAUW will again be providing volunteer ushers, but this time, for the Fall/Winter children shows, which will be performed at the Stockton Arts Center. All performances will begin at 10:30 a.m. and last 1 hour except for The Nutcracker which lasts 2 1/2 hrs. Dana Roberts, their representative, would like 4 ushers for each performance which are:

The Diary of Anne Frank October 6 (Wednesday)
A Christmas Carol December 2 (Thursday)
The Nutcracker December 10 (Friday)
Bay Atlantic Symphony May 10 (Tuesday)

Thanks to the following who have already volunteered:

October 6th: Carolyn Bassett, Dona Stepp, Joan Leavy, Diana Intenzo
May 10th: Anne Marie Glenn, Audrey Owen, Diana Intenzo, Terry Dailey
December 2, 10: Terry Dailey

Please contact me [via email](#) if you are interested in being a back up for the October and May performances and for any of the **three remaining** openings on both **December 2nd and 10th**. As chair of **Children's Theater, I will make a list and call each to remind you.** Thank you again, I appreciate all your help as we continue our longstanding relationship with Stockton College.

Woman of Distinction Award Gail Zona gzona1@comcast.net

It is planned to have this award luncheon for a worthy woman on Saturday, March 19, 2011. Now what is needed is your help. Contact me if you have a good candidate for this award. It must not be a woman from our branch of AAUW or the recipient of a prominent award in Atlantic County. The focus is more toward the candidate who is doing important work for others/organizations/causes but not generally acknowledged for her efforts. Thank you for your help.

STAR - Sisters Together Against Racism Gail Zona

Sisters met on August 29th for a picnic/meeting at the home of Stella Hordes in EHT. The good time together was made even better by the power point pictures of Arlene and George Groch's trips to Africa. The fall schedule of activities/programs are now being planned.

Cultural Interests Book Group Mary Lou Breidenstine breidensti@aol.com

The Wednesday evening book group will be held on September 29th at 7:00 p.m. Carolyn Bassett will **lead a discussion of "Housekeeping" by Marilyne Robinson, at Audrey Moloney's home.** At this meeting we will choose books for the following year, so please bring your suggestions. **The Saturday group will continue on October 30 at 10:30 at Carolyn's. We will read selections from the Puritan and Restoration period. The selections will be available at the September branch meeting.**

Connie Smedley conniesmedley@hotmail.com Christine Ecker memmecker@msn.com

This year's recipients of the AAUW Atlantic County Branch book scholarship are as follows:

Absegami High School, Jamie Murtaugh; Atlantic City High School, Anne Lee Hoang
Egg Harbor Township High School, Stacy Wu; Hammonton High School, Bianca Lopez.
Mainland Regional High School, Allison M. Reinwalds; Oakcrest High School, Alyssa Little
Pleasantville High School, Belen Marquez. (Graduated 5th in her class)

It's quite an accomplishment that our branch is able to raise the funds for these seven scholarships each year. Well done members !

September 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>Spanish group 4:15 weekly</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>12</i>	<i>13 Board Mtg</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i>	<i>20 Branch Mtg</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29 Book Club</i>	<i>30</i>		

The purpose of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

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